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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY WILLIAM D. ROGERS

FOLLOWING SENT BUENOS AIRES FROM SECSTATE WASHDC 06 DEC 74:

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, AR
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO FOREIGN
MINISTER VIGNES

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY
KISSINGER TO FOREIGN MINISTER VIGNES:

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. MINISTER: I GREATLY APPRECIATED
YOUR THOUGHTFUL LETTER ON THE PROSPECTS FOR THE BUENOS AIRES
MEETING. WE ARE IN FIRM AGREEMENT THAT THE MEETING CAN
AND MUST BE A SUCCESS. YOU MAY RELY ON MY ACTIVE
COOPERATION TO THAT END.

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3. WE ARE ALSO OF THE SAME MIND ON THE NEED TO TREAT THE

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QUESTION OF THE OAS SANCTIONS AGAINST CUBA THROUGH INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS IN THE CLOSED MEETINGS AT BUENOS AIRES. I AM PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AIRING OF THAT PROBLEM.

4. AS TO THE PARTICIPATION OF CUBA IN THOSE MEETINGS, THE QUITO CONFERENCE SERVED AS A REMINDER THAT THE NATIONS OF THE HEMISPHERE STILL HAVE NO REAL ASSURANCE AS TO CUBA'S FUTURE BEHAVIOR. WHAT IS NEEDED IS A CLEAR PUBLIC COMMITMENT FROM HAVANA TO THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION. CUBA SHOULD BE PREPARED TO PLEDGE ITS UNQUESTIONABLE RESPECT TO ALL COUNTRIES AND ALL GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED, AS YOU SO CLEARLY PUT IT, NOT MERELY FOR THE SESSIONS IN BUENOS AIRES BUT THEREAFTER. IN THE ABSENCE OF SUCH AN ASSURANCE, I DO NOT SEE HOW A CONSENSUS ON CUBAN PARTICIPATION COULD BE REACHED WITH THE SEVERAL COUNTRIES WHO STILL FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT CUBA.

5. I HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF YOUR DECISION TO CREATE A WORKING GROUP IN WASHINGTON ON THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING AND HAVE ASKED BILL ROGERS TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOUR WASHINGTON EMBASSY. IN ADDITION, I WOULD WELCOME YOUR OWN FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE. BEST REGARDS, HENRY A. KISSINGER. END TEXT. KISSINGER UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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